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1. CANADIAN POLAD INFORMED US SEPT 5 THAT CANADIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN BELGRADE RECEIVED WORD FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY IN ATHENS, WHERE HE IS ACCREDITED, THAT GREEK AUTHORITIES WERE INVITING MILITARY ATTACHES TO ATTEND GREEK EXERCISES IN MACEDONIA AND WESTERN THRACE SEPT 8-11. CANADIANS UNDERSTOOD THAT TURKISH ATTACHE AND ATTACHES OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE AMONG THOSE INVITED.

2. FOLLOWING SEPT 6 POLADS MEETING, TURKISH REP COMMENTED
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PRIVATELY THAT IT SEEMED STRANGE TO HIM THAT THE GREEKS HAD NOT MENTIONED THIS EXERCISE IN POLADS, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT APPEARED THAT ATTACHES FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE BEING INVITED TO OBSERVE IT. TURKISH REP WONDERED WHETHER GREEK INVITATIONS MADE REFERENCE TO CSCE, AND NOTED THAT SPECULATION IN TURKISH PRESS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE EXERCISE RAISED THE QUESTION IN HIS MIND ABOUT WHETHER

THE EXERCISE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CSCE
FINAL ACT PROVISIONS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ATHENS REPEATING TO US USDAO ATHENS
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